

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CR No.8437 of 2015 (O&M)

Date of decision: 10.12.2015

Vinod Kumar

...Petitioner

versus

Geeta Devi

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RITU BAHRI

Present: Mr. Inderjit Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioner.

RITU BAHRI, J.

Challenge in this petition is to the order dated 25.05.2015 (Annexure P-5) passed by the Additional District Judge, Gurdaspur, whereby application filed by the respondent-wife under Section 24 of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, has been allowed and petitioner-husband has been directed to pay Rs.12,000/- per month as maintenance pendent-elite and Rs.10,000/- as litigation expenses to respondent-wife Geeta Devi and her two minor children namely Ayush and Ritika.

The petitioner has not denied that he was serving in BSF and was drawing salary of more than Rs.35,000/- per month. The case set up by respondent-wife Geeta Devi was that the petitioner-husband was earning Rs.35,000/- per month and was owner of agricultural land. The petitioner has not placed on record any salary slip to substantiate the actual salary being drawn by him. Hence, the maintenance awarded by the Court does not seem to be excessive.

In the absence of any direct evidence with regard to salary of petitioner-husband, the impugned order does not require any interference.

Dismissed.

**(RITU BAHRI)
JUDGE**

10.12.2015

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